

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Harder et al.                    Examiner: Frazier, Barbara S.

Ser. No.: 10/535,084                    Art Group: 1611

Title: THE USE OF ONE OR MORE ELEMENTS FROM THE GROUP  
CONTAINING YTTRIUM, NEODYMIUM AND ZIRCONIUM

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

This letter is responsive to the final Office Action electronically transmited 5 October 2009. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION – none;

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS – are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2;

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS – none;

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 6.